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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

MASAMI FUKUNAGA

Serial No: 09/764,721

Filed: January 18, 2001

For: SOCKET FOR ELECTRIC PART

Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: Edwin A. Leon

RULE 116 AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 12, 2002, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the following remarks and reconsider the finality of the rejection.

REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC 102 as being anticipated by Ohshima, stating that Ohshima discloses a socket comprising a socket body 1, a plurality of contact pins 31 disposed on the socket body 1, a rest face, a pair of resilient pieces 31c, 31d having contact portions 31f, two slide plates 11, 12 and an upper operating member 3.

In reply thereto, Applicant would like to first direct the Examiner's attention to the language of Applicant's claims wherein it states:

"two slide plates mounted for sliding movement in different directions relative to said socket body by an urging motion of an upper operating member..."

In addition, Applicant refers the Examiner's attention to page 13, lines 6-12 wherein it describes the upper and lower slide plates 15 and 16. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims should be interpreted in light of the specification and if the Examiner is unsure of the meaning of "two slide plates" in Applicant's claims, the meaning of the claims is clearly clarified by this description

submits that elements 11 and 12 of Ohshima are not slide plates in the sense of Applicant.